A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINDINGS REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445 FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAZA DE LA GUERRA

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Barbara is undertaking certain activities for the planning and execution of redevelopment projects in the Central City Redevelopment Project Area;

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will enhance the existing public plaza and encourage pedestrian activity by locals and tourists in the immediate area and the larger Central City Redevelopment Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency's funding of the proposed Plaza de la Guerra infrastructure improvements will benefit the Central City Redevelopment Project Area by encouraging pedestrian and tourist activity, which increases the vitality of the project area by encouraging economic activity by locals and visitors, encouraging public and private improvements, and eliminating blight and the conditions that lead to blight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The proposed infrastructure improvements to Plaza de la Guerra, to be funded by the Redevelopment Agency, are consistent with the Implementation Plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 33490 and are of benefit to the Central City Redevelopment Project area as the improvements will encourage pedestrian activity by locals and tourists, and enhance the existing public plaza.

SECTION 2. No other reasonable means of financing the improvements to Plaza De la Guerra is available.

SECTION 3. The payment of Redevelopment Agency funds for the improvements will eliminate blighting conditions in the Project Area by encouraging pedestrian and tourist activity. An increase in these activities improves the vitality of the project area by encouraging economic activity by locals and visitors and will lead to additional public and private improvements, and thereby, eliminate blight and the conditions that lead to blight.